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News worth sharing.

Former Ottawa cop jailed for sex crimes

Paul Maher said little during yesterday's hearing, answering most of the judge's questions with 'Yes, sir'
FBI said Maher sent pictures of himself performing a sex act Child-sex images found on his computer

A former Ottawa police officer who was caught in an online teen sex sting after expressing his desire in a fetish chat room to experience the "gift of a 14-year-old's virginity" was sentenced yesterday to 10 and a half years in prison.

Paul Maher, 60, of Richmond, Ont., plans to petition the government in Canada to allow him to serve most of his jail time north of the border, public defender Thomas Livingston said after the sentence was imposed by a federal judge in Pittsburgh.

Maher pleaded guilty in October to two counts: travelling with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct and coercion and enticement of a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl.

He faced a mandatory minimum 10-year sentence and could have received up to 11 years and three months in prison under sentencing guidelines. "Your criminal conduct in this case was depraved and vile," U.S. District Judge Terrence McVerry said before sentencing Maher.

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Hockey.

▶ Travis Zajac of the New Jersey Devils defends against Colin Greening of the Ottawa Senators at the Prudential Center last night in Newark, New Jersey. The Senators won the game 2-1. Story, page 27.

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Fighting for puck pride in the swamps of Jersey

Economy

Groceries to get more expensive

Canadians will pay up to 7 per cent more on food by year's end, economists say {page 4}

Libyan rebels hit a wall

Pro-Gadhafi forces use rockets on rebel movement {page 8}

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New city budget bumps taxes by 2.45 per cent

City council unanimously approved the 2011 budget yesterday and gave Mayor Jim Watson a standing ovation.

The city's $2.4-billion operating budget and $622-million capital budget will require a 2.45 per cent tax increase. They passed easily on the first of three days set aside for budget deliberations.

But not everyone was satisfied. Rideau-Rockcliffe Coun. Peter Clark criticized the budget for producing too much spending and not enough serious debate.

"If we're going to start out this process saying, 'Thou shalt approve this budget,' well, you didn't have to have all these budget meetings and all this exercise, because it didn't do very much," he said.

Mayor Watson defended his "hands-on" approach to the budget, contrasting it with the council bickering and bigger tax hikes of recent years.

"I think in the past there's been too much squabbling and buck-passing," he said, "And quite frankly the public don't pay us to come down here and engage in these kinds of fights."

STEVE COLLINS

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▶ Mayor Jim Watson

Stepping up for women everywhere

Ottawa girls school walked close to 19 million cumulative steps, raised more than $2,000 for charity Funds raised to empower women and communities around the world

JOE LOFARO
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Nearly 400 students and staff from Elmwood School for Girls each walked up to 8,000 steps yesterday to mark the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day and to raise awareness about global poverty.

The goal of the Walking In Her Shoes campaign — launched as a pilot project this year by CARE Canada — was to get Canadians thinking about the distance that girls and women living in the developing world must travel to get water and firewood.

"The big thing is to raise awareness about how many kilometers these people have to walk all across the world just to survive," said 17-year-old, Claire Racette, who led the walk at Elmwood. "And just to show people that it's not the easiest thing, and we have it pretty well over here in the West."

"The fact that we're doing it within the community, too, is really good, so maybe other people may notice what we're doing and want to get involved with it too."
CLAIRE RACETTE,
GRADE 11 STUDENT,
ELMWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

She and her classmates raised money and walked approximately 6 kilometres, about 8,000 steps, per day from March 2-8.

"A lot of the people having to do this are young girls, girls that are younger than some of the girls here," said Sarah Wilson, a senior campaign officer with CARE Canada, who participated in the school-wide walk yesterday. "It really helps bring the message back."

JOE LOFARO/METRO

▶ Claire Racette, 17, centre with hockey stick, leads her Grade 11 peers from Elmwood School for Girls on a school-wide walk for the Walking In Her Shoes fundraiser for CARE Canada yesterday. The walk marked the occasion of International Women's Day.

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A freed reporter tells of being able to 'smell your own fear' in notorious Iran prison.

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Get ready to fork over more for food

A family that spends about $400 a month on groceries could pay up to $340 more in a year ◐ Soaring cost of commodities driving prices up

Stock up

Some food manufacturers are already moving forward with plans to charge grocery stores more.

- **Bakery company George Weston Ltd.** said last week that it would charge five per cent more for its goods as of April 1.
- **Maple Leaf Foods** says it will raise its fresh bakery prices by 20 cents per unit at the end of March.
- **Tim Hortons** said it may have to charge customers more for their morning java jolt due to the rising cost of coffee, which is about twice where it was last June.

between five and seven per cent more for groceries on average by the end of the year, economists say.

Bad crops and oil trading for more than $100 US a barrel are driving prices higher. Food companies are raising prices due to the soaring costs of key commodity ingredients like wheat, corn, sugar and vegetable oil.

It's just a matter of time until higher commodity prices trickle down to grocery shelves, says Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COMPETITION KEEPS PRICES DOWN

National grocery chains Loblaw, Metro, and Sobeys parent Empire Co. Ltd. have faced fierce competition, particularly in Ontario, from each other and from retailers such as Zellers and Shoppers Drug Mart, which are increasing their food offerings.

Walmart also plans a major expansion of 40 new grocery stores in Canada this year.

That means grocers are holding off as long as possible to pass on manufacturer price increases to consumers, says John Scott, the president and CEO of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers.

"Nobody is going to raise their prices a nickel unless they absolutely have to," he says, explaining retailers will try to cut costs to keep up with competitors, but may offer fewer discounts.

"Instead of passing the full price on to the consumer, you'll see a reduction in the number of promotions like the coupons and that kind of thing. We had a lot of that in 2010. We'll probably have less of it in 2011." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starbucks. Birthday

▶ Starbucks' new logo is shown on a cup in Halifax.

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A fresh face at 40

Starbucks rolled out its new, text-free logo yesterday on all its cups. Signs also changed at a handful of stores. The Seattle-based company introduced the new logo in conjunction with its 40-year anniversary. Starbucks also introduced a number of new coffee flavours and baked goods.

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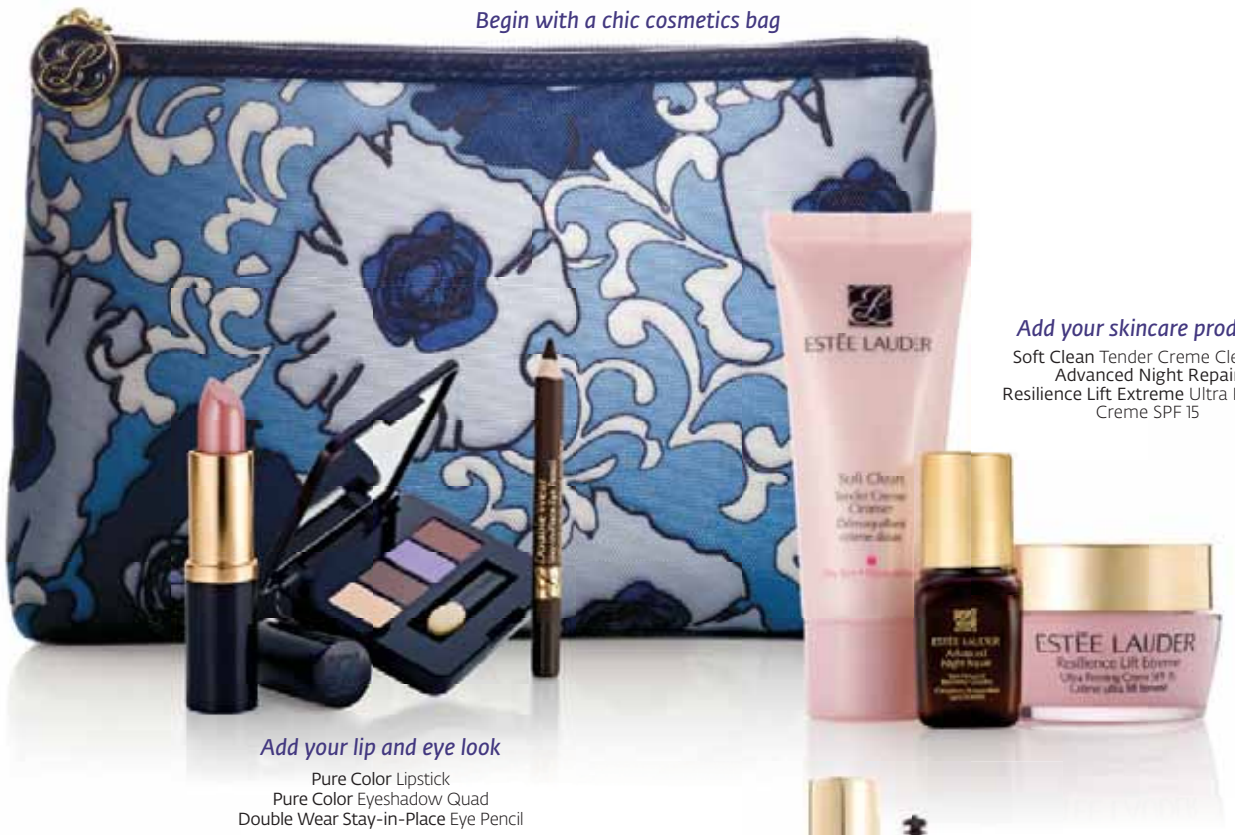

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United to face cancer

Foundation launches initiative to address emotional, social concerns of women diagnosed with the disease

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"We are simply not meant to face cancer alone."

Sherry Abbott speaks from the heart. The executive director of the Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA) Foundation is a 21-year cancer survivor. She is on a mission to encourage and empower people who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

The CCTFA recently commissioned a report and talked to 814 women who were facing cancer. What they found was staggering. Although their medical needs were being met, women felt there were no services in place to help them deal with the social and emotional effects of the disease. "The heart and souls of women with cancer also need care and attention," says Abbott.

On the heels of the landmark report, The CCTFA Foundation has launched a new initiative called Facing Cancer Together. Their new interactive website, sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart, is the largest online show of support for women with Cancer. Women can now share, connect and find resources to help them during their recovery.

Dr. Alexandra Ginty will be contributing to the site. She is a family doctor trained in emergency medicine who was diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago. "I'm trained to handle traumatic situations but no one prepared me for facing cancer." She'll now be blogging about her journey and showing other women that they are not alone.

She writes:

"Cancer's a memory
hoping not to return
But the gift that it
leaves is what we
can learn."

Learn from each other, share and connect at www.facingcancer.ca.

Report findings

The report's key findings:

- Almost 50% of respondents do not feel supported in their cancer journey.
- 70% of women surveyed feared recurrence of their cancer.
- 45% said they were not able to "get comfortable with the new normal."

Source: Lives Affected by Cancer ... 800 Women Speak

TERESA KRUZE/FOR METRO

▶ Pictured, left to right, are: Sherry Abbott, executive director, Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA) Foundation; Dr. Alexandra Ginty, cancer patient and blogger; Darren Praznik, president & CEO, CCTFA and CCTFA Foundation.

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Libyan rebels slowed by tank and rocket fire

Gadhafi forces stop march to Tripoli, besiege western city Rebels claim Libyan leader sent envoy

After dramatic successes over the past weeks, Libya's rebel movement appears to have hit a wall of overwhelming power from loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi.

Pro-regime forces halted its drive on Tripoli with a heavy barrage of rockets in the east and threatened yesterday to recapture the closest rebel-held city to the capital in the west.

The city of Zawiya was sealed off under a fifth day of a destructive siege, with conflicting reports of who was in control. A brigade led by one of Gadhafi's sons, Khamis, is believed to be leading the assault, shelling neighbourhoods with tank and artillery fire from the outskirts.

A spokesman for the opposition's newly created Interim Governing Council in Benghazi said a man who claimed to represent Gadhafi made contact with the council to discuss terms for Gadhafi to step down.

"But our position is clear: No negotiations with the Gadhafi regime," said Mustafa Gheriani, who declined to say when contact was made or reveal the identity of the envoy.

Libyan state TV denied that Gadhafi had sent an envoy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Intervention?

U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed to plan for the "full spectrum of possible responses" on Libya. The two leaders spoke yesterday and agreed that the objective must be an end to violence and the departure of Gadhafi "as quickly as possible."

The hand they're dealt

This year's Rosemonday parade in Cologne, Germany, included a float showing Arab nations as a house of falling cards. It featured cards with the faces of former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

Carnival. Parade

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Canadians upbeat about economy: Poll

Nearly 90 per cent are confident about financial well-being, compared with 77.5 per cent of Americans

Canadians are more confident about their own economic well-being and that of the Canadian economy, a Harris/Decima-Investor Group survey suggests.

The survey, conducted in February, puts the overall measure of confidence among Canadians at 86.2 per cent, up from 82.8 in November.

Overall, nearly one-third (31 per cent) of Canadians believe they will be better off financially a year from now, up from 27 per cent in November. That compares with 13 per cent who think things might be worse, almost unchanged from 12 per cent who felt that way in the previous survey.

Meanwhile, one in four Canadians (24 per cent) see good things ahead for the economy in the next 12 months, up from 19 per cent. Fourteen per cent expect the economy to get worse, unchanged from November.

"Stronger consumer confidence is always good for the economy. This is a clear indication that Canadians are gaining comfort with the economic recovery and are returning to more normal spending, saving and investing."
JACK COURTNEY, INVESTORS GROUP

A majority, 54 per cent, believe there will be good times for the Canadian economy in the next five years, while 31 per cent believe there will be another recession. This division is similar to the 52-to-34 per cent split in November.

Meanwhile, half of Canadians (51 per cent) believe now is a good time to make a major purchase, while 31 per cent believe it is a bad time. The November split was 50 to 35 per cent.

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Market moment

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Moving seats coming to a theatre near you

Four Canadian theatres will debut 120 D-Box motion-sensation seats, D-Box Technologies and Cineplex Entertainment say.

The D-Box synchronizes theatre seats with onscreen video and sound. The idea is that moviegoers become part of the action such as a car chase.

Two theatres in Edmonton, one in Calgary and one in Laval, Que., will introduce the seats on Friday. D-Box CEO Claude McMaster says the deal allows the Quebec-based company to get its technology into more Canadian theatres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A total of 10 Cineplex theatres will introduce D-Box seats this year.

Street. View

▶ Inventor Daniel Ratner pedals Google's new Street View Tricycle at company headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

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CONFESSIONS FROM THE LIBYA GRAVY TRAIN

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Hypocrisy is a tricky trait. We're more likely to spot it in others than in ourselves.

Recently, pop stars have been falling all over themselves to apologize, give back the money or confess they had no idea that they were paid millions to perform for the family of bloody Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Now that Gadhafi is the Monster of the Month, Nelly Furtado, Beyoncé, Usher, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey and, er, the London School of Economics all admit that they took money from Libya, and a number of them, including Nelly and Usher, are giving it to charity or something. Beyoncé claims she sent hers to Haiti ages ago, but there was no mention of Libya at the time.

It's a million-dollar hit for the stars, but blood money is bad for your image, so donate those dollars.

It's easy to make fun of people who construct a moral code one tweet at a time, but let's be honest. It wasn't so long ago that Gadhafi seemed kinda cute. Remember when the United Nations wouldn't let him pitch his tent on the lawn? Remember the documents, released by WikiLeaks, that featured the flying squad of buxom Ukrainian nurses and that followed him everywhere?

You just forget that he has long been one of the Middle East's foremost terrorists and that, at one point, Libya took formal responsibility for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, an act that killed 270 people on Aug. 16, 2003. Look it up.

So all these people knew they were singing and dancing for a murderer, but he was a murderer with money, all of it extracted from the Libyan people, many of whom are now dying under his boot.

But let's not get too high and mighty. We've all been on the Libyan gravy train for years. There's a helpful page on the Government of Canada website called Doing Business with Libya, which tells you how to follow the lead of Canadian companies such as SNC Lavelin and Suncor.

The site says the value of Canadian exports to Libya was almost $250 million in 2009, the year in which the Lockerbie bomber was released from a U.K. prison and welcomed home by Gadhafi as a national hero.

What's the difference between getting paid a million bucks for a song-and-dance routine and SNC Lavelin being paid $500 million to build the Benghazi Airport? Or Suncor drawing 50,000 barrels of oil a day out of Libya's now-scorched earth, as the Globe and Mail reports?

So, if you feel like tossing stones at Nelly, remember that biblical suggestion: Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Or at least hearken to The Who and don't get fooled again.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

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Letters & Tweets

One and a half men

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

We asked: Is Charlie Sheen acting like this for publicity?

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He is obviously angered and feels that stopping filming Two and a Half Men wasn't necessary.

Publicity is just a way of getting his point of view across in hopes of getting the result he wants.

Though I'm sure the publicity feeds his ego.

I think he is hoping the publicity will work in his favour ... or against Chuck Lorre's favour ... either way. I'm sure he feels that he must take action and the media makes it easy for him to take action through publicity.

The media isn't doing him any favours by these interviews, but hey whatever sells!

As the saying goes, any publicity is good publicity ... which is certainly true. Everyone knows who Lindsay Lohan is and not necessarily for her acting :)

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Metro Minute with the Shakey Aches

Your mission today is to make space on your calendar on Friday to check out a real and raw local rock band, the Shakey Aches, fronted by local Metro reader Mathew Clare, who says he reads the paper on the bus during his commute into work.

Clare, who sings and plays guitar, and his band mates Darrell Angus, on guitar and vocals, Tim Matthews, on drums, and Brian Maxwell, on bass, are bringing their all-original fuzzy garage rock songs to the Ritual Nightclub at 137 Besserer St. Doors open at 10 p.m. with a $4 cover charge, and, Clare hastens to add, $4 beer. Clare's band is followed by Montreal's Shortpants Romance. **METRO**

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Top albums

iTunes top 5 in Canada for the week ending Mar. 6:
1) 21 — Adele
2) Sigh No More — Mumford & Sons
3) Wounded Rhymes — Lykke Li
4) Different Gear — Still Speeding — Beady Eye
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Behind Charlie Sheen's tweet lies a new world of social media advertising

Preparing for a life without his brother

The always outspoken Liam Gallagher leads his new band Beady Eye, out of the Oasis shadow

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Life after the death of Oasis begins for infamous singer-songwriter Liam Gallagher with his new band Beady Eye. Metro chatted with the 38-year-old musician, who declared he is starving for success and fears no one.

Are the beginnings of Beady Eye as exciting as they were for Oasis?
Of course. Any beginning is exciting. Our songs are just crazy, and we feel just great. We're going to kill everything. We've got what we need for that.

The album sounds very spontaneous. It sounds like a response to Oasis, a band who became maybe like a routine to you, didn't it?
When you're in a big machine like Oasis, it works by itself. Everything is becoming a routine, so it gets sometimes boring. We needed to create something new and fresh. That's why it sounds spontaneous.

What was your inspiration for (debut album) Different Gear, Still Speeding?
Rock 'n' roll. Nothing else. We just wanted to have fun. And that's rock 'n' roll: no brains, just feelings. It's as simple as that.

People will compare Beady Eye to Oasis. How are you prepared to respond to your fans and critics alike?
We are Oasis! Oasis became big because of the people who were in the band. We can do the exact same thing with Beady Eye. We are starving for success and we do not fear anyone. Our music is universal, and people will like it whether they live in Peru or in Paris. And if some people don't like it, it doesn't matter.

There is a huge electro-pop scene in England. Are you interested in that kind of sound?
I don't care. Why would we play dance music? It would be against our influences, against rock 'n' roll and against the Beatles! We're not going to play dance music just to be in fashion. It would be like wearing a dress. To me, those bands are just sh-t.

In the English press, not a week goes by without an article on Beady Eye and Oasis...
It's amazing how Oasis makes its own publicity on the back of Beady Eye. People have never been so interested in Oasis since it finished.

What would you say about this album. That it's the best album of the year? The album of the century?
No, I won't say that. I let you say it.

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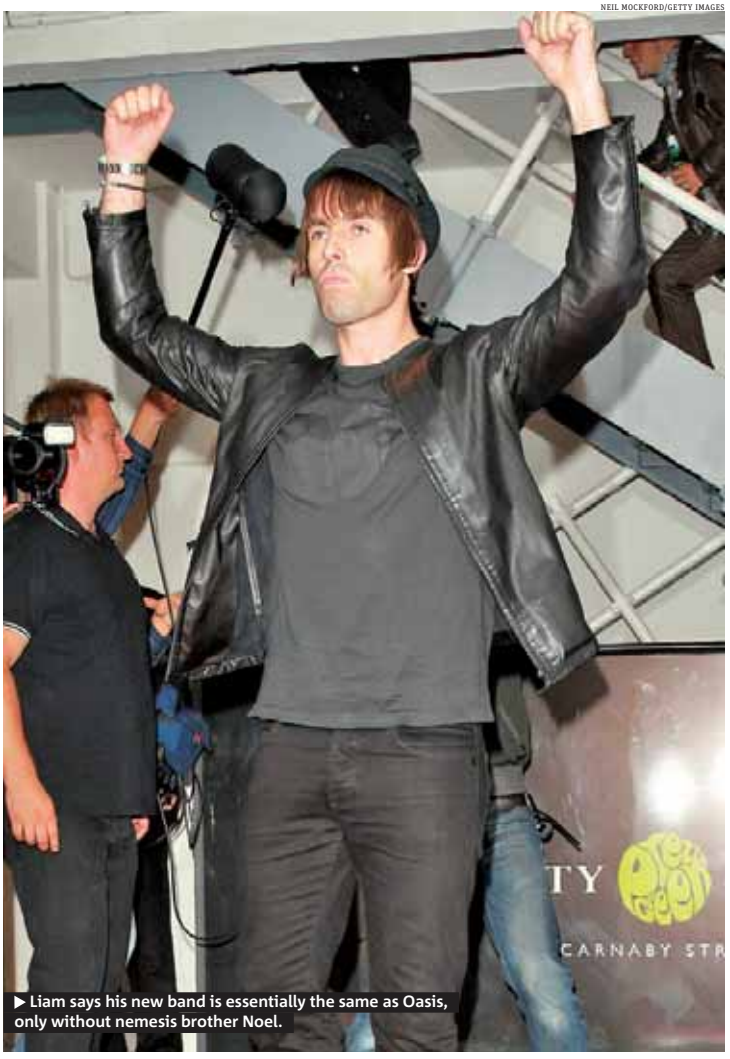

▶ Liam says his new band is essentially the same as Oasis, only without nemesis brother Noel.

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▶ Randy Bachman, left, and Fred Turner. Turner lost more than 120 pounds after he decided to hit the road while in his 60s.

Roly poly rockers

staying healthy while rocking on the road

A few years ago, Canadian rock legends Fred Turner and Randy Bachman decided they would hit the road for another tour together, but Turner had a problem.

He was in his mid-60s and — with years spent away from the proverbial public eye — he had watched his weight swell to over 300 pounds. Beyond wanting to look fit for the tour, he simply wasn't sure he could survive the rigours of the rock 'n' roll road in such condition.

So, he started exercising.

He ran kilometres a day on the treadmill, he pumped weights, he practised tai chi, he meditated and he began counting calories with the careful concentration of an accountant poring over a tax return.

In the end, he shed more than 120 pounds to wind up at his target weight: 185. But then as soon as the reunited band hit the road again, Turner saw that his newly slimmed-down frame was in danger of ballooning right back out.

"Because of the stress that's involved from the timetables, the stress from the travel — whether you're actually travelling by land or by air — when you're going out to do concerts ... you're out 24 hours a day, a lot of that time can be spent travelling and sitting in airports or sitting in a vehicle, and you know, not having any real motion or exercise or anything like that," Turner said in a telephone interview this week.

"You can get bored ... and if you happen to be the type of person who compensates with food, like I used to do, it can be very tough on you."
FRED TURNER ON THE DIFFICULTIES OF STAYING HEALTY

"It's tiring, and you can get bored with what's going on and if you happen to be the type of person who compensates with food, like I used to do, it can be very tough on you."

Indeed, while the allure of old-fashioned hard-living still holds plenty of appeal for many aspiring rockers, a growing number of musicians seems more preoccupied with the less glamorous pursuit of a healthy lifestyle — instead of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, it's sit-ups, diet foods and restraint that's on the menu for many.

Of course, it isn't easy. The road will shake even the most disciplined rockers from their usual routines, with home-cooking giving way to greasy pub breakfasts in the morning, fried fast food procured from rest stops in the afternoon and calorie-packed bottles of beer at night.

"The good food and the stuff you normally eat at home, you don't get it on the road," Turner said. "Unless you go to the supermarket, but what are you going to do with it then? You're going to cart it around with you? And you've (still) got to find someone to cook it, you know?"

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60 seconds

▶ Dido

BIG YEAR CONTINUES FOR DIDO

Dido is due to have her first child this summer. It's already been a big year: She was nominated for an Academy Award for best song for co-writing If I Rise from the movie 127 Hours, and is finishing up a new album.

"I'm nearly done," she said last month about her upcoming album.

"Music will just start coming out as this year goes on."

Of course, before Dido goes on the road, she'll be dealing with her first priority: her new baby. She didn't perform at the Oscars because of her pregnancy, and after the baby is born, she plans to take time off. But for the moment, she's enjoying the "very exciting" time in her life.

"There's a real calmness about it which I think is really nice. Your decisions are sort of made for you," she said, laughing. "You just have this priority that is unchangeable and I think that's a great calmness that comes from that."

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▶ Val Kilmer and Carrie-Anne Moss star in The Red Planet — another Mars themed flick.

Superstar astronomer Carl Sagan said, "Mars has become a kind of mythic arena onto which we have projected our Earthly hopes and fears."

For more than a hundred years the idea that life could exist on the fourth planet from the Sun has been a sci-fi staple.

In 1898, H. G. Wells wrote the most influential Martian invasion novel of all, The War of the Worlds, later adapted by Orson Welles into the most famous radio show ever and in a less serious vein, Marvin the Martian, a cartoon character voiced by Mel Blanc, gave us the catchphrase, "This makes me very angry, very angry indeed."

Years after Marvin's 1948 debut he made another appearance as the mascot on the Spirit rover sent to Mars.

This weekend Martians invade movie theatres in Mars Needs Moms, the story of little green marauders who kidnap human moms, joining a long list of Mars movies.

The 40-foot-tall Martian in The Angry Red Planet, a low budget 1959 flick, was actually a 15-inch-tall puppet made from elements of a rat, bat, spider, and crab. The campy creature was later featured on the cover of the Misfits' album Walk Among Us.

A few years later Robinson Crusoe on Mars used Death Valley, California as a substitute for the barren terrain of Mars and was so low budget it recycled props from other movies. The aliens are seen dressed in the spacesuits from Destination Moon and the Martian space crafts were borrowed from The War of the Worlds.

The year 2000 was a big one for Martian movies. Red Planet, starring Val Kilmer, Carrie-Ann Moss, and Benjamin Bratt as astronauts sent to Mars when Earth's efforts to colonize the planet are disrupted, features cinema's first computer voice to be completely computer generated.

Also released that year was Mission to Mars, the Brian De Palma film about the first manned mission to Mars.

The movie flopped domestically — it only has a 25 per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating — but was chosen as one of the top pictures of 2000 by Les Cahiers du cinema.

Not all Mars movies are actually set on Mars, however.

Despite its title, Abbott and Costello Go to Mars, the comedy duo never actually makes it to the red planet.

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Amanda stays coy on Ryan Phillippe

Red Riding Hood star prefers to talk about ex, Dominic Cooper

Is Amanda Seyfried, 25, truly dating Ryan Phillippe, 36? The duo was seen hanging out late last year at Kate Hudson's Halloween party, and speculation has run rampant since. Now the actress tells Elle magazine: "Um, yeah, I've been 'seen' with him," but doesn't reveal much more.

The Red Riding Hood star is much more forthcoming about her previous relationship with Dominic Cooper, her co-star in Mamma Mia! "(It is) one of the easiest things in the world," she tells Elle. "You're both open. You're put in a situation where you have to make out with each other. It's easy for things to get carried away."

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▶ Amanda Seyfried

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▶ Ryan Phillippe

Sheen's lawyers get busy

Charlie Sheen — you're tired of hearing about him. But his lawyers aren't. They're keeping busy, preparing for a battle with CBS, which just fired Sheen from the worldwide hit sitcom Two and a Half Men.

TMZ obtained a letter from the network to Sheen's lawyer, blasting the star for all his previous bad behaviour.

"Free at last," replied Sheen, waving a machete from a rooftop, according to the website.

Meanwhile, TMZ also reports that security has quadrupled around Sheen's gated community, because of possible snoopers. METRO

Talking points

Twins for True Blood star

BABIES. Will they be vampires or werewolves? Maybe one of each? Sam Trammell, star of TV's True Blood, is expecting twins with his girlfriend Missy Yager, best known as Betty Draper's neighbour on Mad Men. "The couple is thrilled and excited," Trammell's publicist told People magazine. METRO

Collins clarifies retirement

PEOPLE. British singer and drummer Phil Collins has taken to his personal website to announce his retirement in a bid to clarify recent speculation over his career.

In a post titled "Breaking News," the multiple Grammy award winner writes that he wants to explain his reasons "for calling it a day."

Collins says he is stopping music so he can be a full-time father to his two young sons "on a daily basis" — not because of bad reviews, bad press or because he doesn't "feel loved." METRO

Baby Lyra has jazzy genes

MORE BABIES. Speaking of babies, jazz singer Jamie Cullum, 31, and his model wife, Sophie Dahl, 33, just had a little girl, named Lyra. Perhaps when she's a tad older, she'll enjoy reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, written by Sophie's grandfather Roald. METRO

Celebrity tweets

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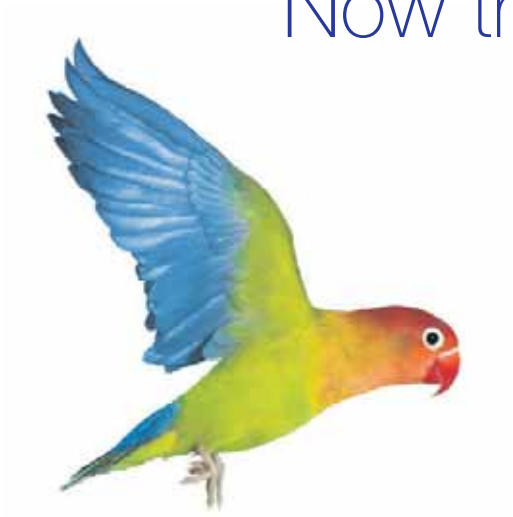

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America's history of terror examined

Philadelphia museum show looks at the more than 80 attacks on U.S. soil ◆ Aims to be a conversation starter on a difficult subject

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▶ Ku Klux Klan robes are displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit.

It was one of the worst acts of terrorism in U.S. history, a deadly deed that filled the New York City sky with smoke and debris, thrust the nation into war, prompted restrictive new laws and intensified hostility toward foreigners.

Yet it happened nearly a century before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — on Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor sabotaged by German agents and American collaborators in 1916.

This and other examples of domestic terrorism are part of a new exhibition at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, tracing the evolution of revolution and exploring how panic and prejudice can disrupt the balance between safeguarding civil liberties and protecting the public.

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America" opened Friday and runs through May 30. Created by the International Spy Museum in Washington, it examines acts of revolution, sabotage, protest, subversion and extremism by foreign-born and home-grown militants, activists and spies from the Revolutionary War and onwards.

More than 80 domestic attacks from 1776 to the present are presented — along with how they sparked government responses that have changed American life, from the 1918 Sedition Act to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. It is left for visitors to reach their own conclusions about whether the various changes over time have been for the better, said Peter Earnest, director of the Spy Museum and a former CIA operative.

"These issues will be with us until the end of the republic," said Earnest, noting that the show was created to be a teaching tool for the young, a history refresher for the old and a conversation starter for all.

Interactive polling stations, developed with the Gallup Organization, ask visitors' opinions on the nation's response to events presented in the show — along with results of Gallup polls through history asking the same questions.

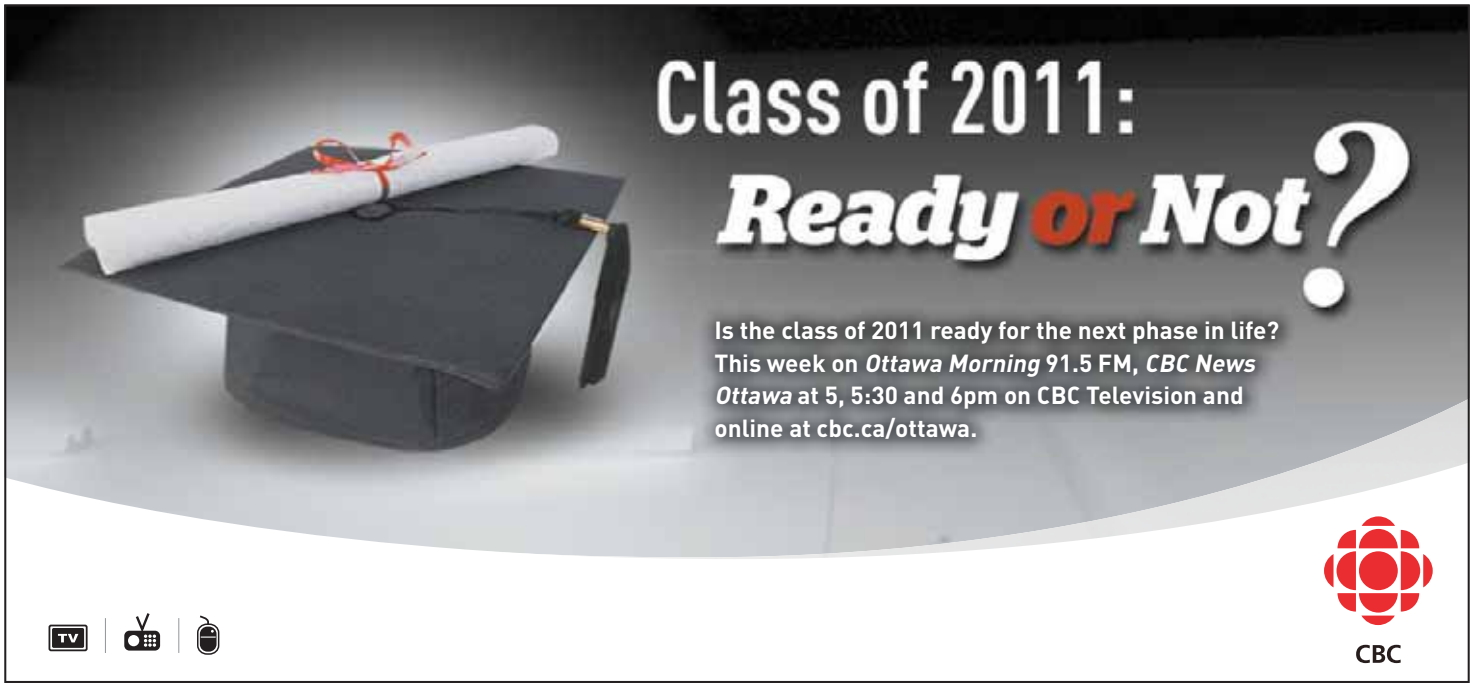
Among them: Should the government have the authority to deport people suspected of supporting hostile groups? Should the FBI be allowed to investigate groups opposed to the U.S. government? Is violence by individuals ever justified to bring about change in society?

"The exhibit illustrates in a way that's very dramatic and visceral the challenges we face as a country from threats that often originate internally," said David Eisner, National Constitution Center president and CEO. "How do we protect our homeland ... and how do we at the same time guarantee constitutional protections for all of our citizens?"

Included in the exhibit are a charred remnant of the White House torched

If you go ...

Exhibit Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Through May 30 at the Constitution Center, Independence Mall, 525 Arch St., Philadelphia; constitutioncenter.org or 215-409-6600. Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Adults, $12 US, students and seniors, $11; children 4-12, $8.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▶ Fragments of the planes that hit the World Trade Center in 2001 are displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit, at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The exhibit is scheduled to run until May 30. Inset: A rescuer's helmet from the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

by the British in 1814, Ku Klux Klan garments from the 1960s, and wreckage of the World Trade Center and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. It also shows a replica of the bomb thrown during Chicago's deadly Haymarket riot in 1886, badges of American Protective League agents who spied on fellow Americans during the First World War and a video interview with Bernardine Dohrn of the 1960s radical group The Weather Underground.

Artifacts and documents illustrate how American collaborators helped German and Japanese agents execute domestic attacks preceding the world wars, reveal why the FBI compiled a dossier on Eleanor Roosevelt, and explain how the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing triggered a decline in so-called militia and patriot groups — until the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Digital devices can't replace guidebooks

On a recent trip to Spain and Andorra, I loaded a Lonely Planet Discover Spain guide on my iPad, put Lonely Planet city guides for Barcelona and Madrid on my iPhone, and for good measure, carried around a Rick Steves Spain guide — the paper kind. I also installed maps on my iPad from a company called Dubbele that specializes in mobile maps.

After two weeks on buses, trains, planes as well as skis and on foot, the verdict is in. Digital devices are making headway but the printed guidebook isn't a relic yet.

Using a smartphone on a trip has advantages. GPS can figure out where you are or find a spot to eat or shop. Nifty images of attractions along with contact information and hours of operation are at your fingertips. But nothing beats a good travel guidebook for reading up on a destination. Tuck a postcard in the page with all the restaurant listings you'd like to try, scribble extra info on the margins, or push your seat to a reclining position and read during your flight.

On the other hand, twice during the trip I took with friends, information delivered digitally saved the day.

A final thought: Paper guidebooks don't have bugs and don't crash. It is extremely frustrating repeatedly trying to access an app and have the smartphone just freeze or repeatedly download a Google Map. I have yet to open a book and see nothing but blank pages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flowers brighten up Philly

It's time to say "au revoir" to the winter blahs.

The annual horticultural extravaganza known as the Philadelphia International Flower Show opens Sunday with the theme "Springtime in Paris," welcoming visitors with 25,000 tulips arrayed under a faux Eiffel Tower.

Tourists will mingle with mimes and musicians strolling amid four hectares of colourful, French-themed floral exhibits, while artists set up easels to paint in recreated Parisian gardens.

"The show is astounding," said exhibitor Jamie Rothstein. "It overwhelms the senses."

A warm respite from the perennial dregs of winter, the spectacle attracts both green thumbs and snow-weary souls eager to soak in the fragrant, vibrant blooms.

Nearly 250,000 people are expected at the Pennsylvania Convention Center for the eight-day event, which is billed as the world's largest indoor flower show.

This year's displays include a "Phantom of the Opera" tableau, a wedding at Notre Dame, floral carousel animals, a mini-Arc de Triomphe and Centre Pompidou, and a scene from the Paris cemetery where rocker Jim Morrison and composer Frederic Chopin are buried.

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2 ACAPULCO

Hollywood Star

Mexico's iconic spot on the Pacific Coast was a favourite with the Hollywood glitterati back in the 1950s. Nowadays adrenaline junkies come to cliff-dive off the jagged cliffs around La Quebrada, others spend their time snorkelling, jet-skiing, parasailing or hiking. **Sunset:** Acapulco is Mexico's nightlife wild-child with bars and high-end restaurants. Zibu (zibu.com.mx) serves an eclectic combo of Mexican and Thai dishes. Try the fish wrapped in banana leaves.

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3 MANZANILLO

The Fairy Tale

Picturesque Manzanillo is a coastline dotted with tranquil golden beaches, attracting surfers, yogis and a bohemian-chic crowd that dines in fancy restaurants. Shop at the village markets, then hit the beach. Troncones beach is a favourite with surfers, secluded Manzanillo Bay is best for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, horse-riding or sea-turtle watching. **Sunset:** Come nightfall grab some beers and spicy shrimp tacos el Burro Borracho.

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4 CABO SAN LUCAS

Californication

Low-key Los Cabos is a favourite with camera-shy Hollywood stars. The 33-kilometre stretch of white sand between San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas is the aptly named "corredor turistico" (touristic corridor) studded with intimate beach huts and exclusive resorts. There's great golf, big game fishing and whale watching here. **Sunset:** Uber-glamorous Nikki Beach is for evening follies, with extravagant theme parties and on champagne on tap (nikkibeach.com).

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5 PLAYA DEL CARMEN

The Gem

In the past, Playa del Carmen was an unpretentious seaside village, now it's a hit with sun seekers. An ancient Mayan port, it's also home to the great Mayan reef, the second largest coral reef system in the world. Escape the heat on 5th Avenue, the main strip running parallel to the beach, for shops and snack bars. **Sunset:** Enjoy a dinner of seafood risotto and crayfish sashimi at EL Alux (aluxlounge.net), a lounge bar.

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Taking a bike ride in Holland

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▶ Cyclists rule the road in Amsterdam. Most Dutch riders never wear helmets and all ride similar one-speed bikes.

The Dutch take their cycling seriously, but have a very different bike culture than North America

Nearly everyone in Amsterdam rides a bicycle.

No one sweats.

As a longtime cyclist in New York City, and a sweaty guy who can raise a few droplets going to the end of the walk to retrieve the newspaper in January, that's how it seemed to me when I was there. I was prepared for the ubiquity of cyclists. But the refinement was a surprise.

Who knew that urban cycling — which I find mostly exhilarating and joyous, but occasionally a grim struggle for a sliver of pavement — could also be elegant?

This is how I saw the Dutch cyclists.

I ride to news assignments, sometimes in jacket and tie, feeling overdressed. I saw well-dressed men riding to work in Amsterdam, and they didn't seem remotely uncomfortable.

And the women! Granted that riding a bike is like playing the cello — one of those things that makes men look dorky and women look hot — but women bikers in Amsterdam seem to cut no fashion corners. High heels and skirts are not uncommon, whether they are headed to the office or carting a crateful of kids to school on one of those cargo bikes with a big box up front.

Part of staying fashionable is that no one wears a helmet. Not the riders; not the kids sitting up front or on the luggage rack. Either cycling is extraordinarily safe in Amsterdam or the lawyers aren't in charge yet.

The Amsterdammers ride these single-speed or at most three-speed bikes that are both monstrously heavy and in most parts of North America, at least, frightfully expensive.

Cyclists in Amsterdam routinely ignore traffic signals. And pity the pedestrian who wanders onto the wrong side of the line between the sidewalk and the bike lane, which is often worn away to a shadow. But the slower speeds made them seem nice to me, in the way a foreign language sounds exotic.

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▶ A cyclist passing by parked bicyles in Amsterdam.

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Tomato Bruschetta

This recipe can easily be doubled or tripled for a larger group just by adjusting the amounts of the ingredients.

Tomato Bruschetta is the perfect start to a meal or to serve as a delicious appetizer with a glass of wine or a cocktail. And this version of bruschetta, with its grainy mustard touch will delight.

The simplicity of ingredients also allows for an authentic taste experience that can be created in a few steps.

Preparation:

1. Toast bread in oven.
2. Rub toasted bread with cut side of garlic and top with a drizzle of olive oil.
3. Dice tomatoes and onion and place in a bowl; add mustard. Stir lightly until coated.
4. Spread mixture on slices of toasted bread. Drizzle olive oil over top.
5. Garnish with chopped basil. Add salt and pepper and serve immediately.

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Ingredients:

- 4 slices ciabatta or French bread
- 2 cloves garlic, halved
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Italian (Roma) tomatoes
- 1/2 onion
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grainy mustard
- 4 leaves basil, chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste

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Mushroom Prosciutto Cups are great appetizers. They're flavourful and offer a great contrast in texture due to their crisp shell and soft creamy filling.

Preparation:

1. Coat mini muffin pans with cooking spray. Separate wonton wrappers and press into pans, pleating each to form a cup. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until crisp. Remove and let cool.
2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; add onion and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in mushrooms, garlic and rosemary and cook for 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium; add water and vinegar and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in cheese and heat, stirring constantly, until melted and mixed. Remove from heat and stir in prosciutto until combined. Season with pepper.
3. Spoon 1 1/2 tbsp (22 mL) of the mixture into each cup; garnish as desired and serve warm.

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▶ This recipe produces 24 mushroom cups.

Ingredients:

- 24 thin wonton wrappers
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 8 oz (250 g) fresh mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried rosemary leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 pkg (8 oz/250 g) light cream cheese, cubed
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Help me, help them: Parents

American school systems are setting a teaching trend that's helping turn parents into better homework helpers

Parents who help with homework think they have it bad with wacky new math in the lower grades. Try the ablative case in the second declension for high school Latin.

Susan Wheeler Fisk is ready with a resounding carpe diem! She enrolled in Latin I online with her 18-year-old senior to get him over the hump.

"This is a brand-new subject for me," said the former preschool teacher in Estes Park, Colo. "It's online, so there's no teacher. He said he didn't want a tutor, but he just needed to get his arms around the subject in a way that seemed like a tutor wouldn't offer anyway."

Fisk is grateful he was up for her help. It's hard enough getting a teen to do more than grunt in a parent's direction, so what happens when they clearly aren't clicking with school-

"Now I'm able to check my kids' work with confidence that I'm providing accurate feedback."
SHELLY SMEADE, PARENT

work and the 'rents are no match for the Pythagorean theorem, Sophocles or the Federalist Papers?

Fisk has the time and background to make her hands-on homework help work. Many parents can barely hold on for the ride. Some are learning English as a second language, pull long hours on the job or don't have the academic experience they think they need to turn homework hell around for their middle school and high school kids.

"We have a lot of parents who have not finished high school or have only finished high school and are not confident," said Michele Brooks, assistant superintendent for family and student engagement for Boston public schools.

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▶ Ellen Purtell, right, says she turns to her son, left, to help his younger sister with her homework as it gets more challenging.

The system serving more than 56,000 children from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 opened Parent University last year, primarily for low-income parents with kids in struggling schools. The free program of three-day workshops offers instruction in math, science and reading. It also guides them in broader areas like dealing with cyber-bullying and social networks, positive approaches to discipline and signs of gang involvement.

Brooks said more than 500 parents participated last school year and the same number has already signed up this year. There's even a June graduation ceremony for mom or dad.

Shelly Smeade is vice-principal of a junior high in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and struggled with math as a child. She knew she needed a boost once her oldest daughter turned 14, so she attended the free Math for Moms and Dads course offered by Stevens-Henager College.

"Now I'm able to check my kids' work with confidence that I'm providing accurate feedback," she said.

The program has proven so popular that the Idaho Department of Education asked the college to offer it for parents in its 117 districts statewide.

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While nobody claims that quitting smoking is easy, the Ontario Lung Association hopes a campaign that includes a new iPhone app will help young adults in the province butt out for good.

The app, which challenges players to use their lung capacity to play a sports-related game, is one component of the Quit & Get Fit campaign that encourages smokers to kick the habit with the aid of physical exercise.

Quit & Get Fit is based on scientific studies that demonstrate how physical activity, and even deep breathing, can help reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms, and also assist in curbing post-quitting weight gain, the association says. Physical activity can also help reduce cigarette

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consumption for those unwilling or unable to quit.

"Ontario Lung Association realizes that young adults have the highest smoking rate among all age groups in Ontario, yet there is a huge gap when it comes to helping them quit successfully," George Habib, association president and CEO, said in a release. "Up until now, there have been few resources specifically tailored for this age group."

To reach young adult smokers, the organization is using a number of social media initiatives. For instance, a new Quit & Get Fit tab http://www.facebook.com/ontariolungassociation has been added to its existing Facebook fan page, featuring a download link to the new iPhone app and a YouTube video.

The iPhone app was developed as a fun distraction when the smoking urge hits. Participants are challenged to take a deep breath, then blow into their smart phones to use their lung capacity to play either a hockey or golf-related game. The goal is to score by blowing a puck or golf ball into the net or hole.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

In need of an at-work energy boost?

Not driven to wake up like you were as a rookie? Amp up your on-the-job attitude with these easy tips

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Some of the perkiest go-getters among us seem preconfigured that way, born into this 21st century of 24-hour workdays with eager eyes and a battery life far hardier than their BlackBerrys.

For the rest of us, we find our pluck in that last slurp from a coffee cup. But career counsellors say there are healthier ways to administer a kick of enthusiasm. Here are counsellor–recommended tips to upshift your engine without blowing the transmission.

Going out with your co-workers to lunch once a week can give the whole team something to look forward to.

Find meaning in the drudgery
Start, 180 Ways to Spread Contagious Enthusiasm author Barbara Glanz advises, by acknowledging the larger purpose behind your daily drudgery, "no matter how unimportant it seems."

"Put a picture on your desk of whoever the person is whose life is going to be better because of the work you do," she suggests. "Do that to remind you that you're doing this for a bigger calling."

Take on some new responsibilities
If your daily duties read like a chore list from the boredom chamber of purgatory try tacking new tasks onto your to-do list.

"Often what motivates people is that they can find in their jobs room for growth an challenge," Massachusetts-based career coach and psychologist Christiane Turnheim notes.

The trick is scripting a diplomatic way of telling your superiors that the job they've given you is anesthetizing your brain.

"Don't go in and say, 'I'm feeling bored,'" she recommends. "Stay with the positive. Say 'I would like to give more to the company.'"

Seek comradery Sometimes, a job is just mental torture by another name and higher pay grade, and the only ways to ease its impact is in numbers.

That's why Turnheim counsels exhausted workers to "organize a group lunch where you meet for lunch once a Friday every month, a place for people to get recognized for what they do."

"That," she adds, "is one of the most important needs that people have in the workplace."

Have a fulfilling "real life"
"What people often do on the weekend is they don't go out, they sleep longer, and something is missing," Turnheim says. "You need in your life something that inspires you, no matter if it's going out and meeting people, or going hiking."

THAT PC AIN'T YOUR PROPERTY

Workplace Law

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Employees often believe that they own the content on their workplace computers and sometimes even the computers themselves. They are mistaken. Steve Rowe worked as a computer analyst in Sheridan College's IT department for 12 years. He had one of the highest paying positions in the department, a clean disciplinary record and full access to the college's servers and computers.

Rowe blurred the line between personal and professional computer use when he adopted one of the college's faster computers and used it to download a large amount of games, videos, movies, music, and pornography. Rowe gave at least 11 other people including friends, family and colleagues, access to the computer's media cache. Rowe's activities went undetected for years.

When a network audit later revealed some of Rowe's activities, the college seized his computers and started an investigation.

After confirming that Rowe had been using the college's server as a media hub for his circle of friends, the college quickly dismissed him.

At a recent hearing, an arbitrator had to determine whether Rowe's personal use of his workplace computer could justify his immediate termination.

Rowe attempted to overturn his termination by arguing that the college overreacted to his misconduct.

However, the arbitrator hearing the case disagreed, characterizing Rowe's conduct as "extremely poor judgement." Since Rowe's job required his employer to be able to trust him, his termination was upheld.

This case is an example of a broader problem in Canadian workplaces as employees too often get carried away with personal computer use at work.

When they do, they should not expect that their actions will be immune from discipline as decision makers are becoming increasing aware of the damage computer misuse can cause and they are often unwilling to tolerate it.

Both employees and employers can consider some of the following safeguards:

- Whether there is a policy on Internet or computer use at work and to what extent, if any, does the employer permit personal use.
- Where personal computer use is permitted, employees should not consider this right equal to a freedom to do as they please. There are a number of ways for employees to lose their jobs including theft of time, discrimination and harassment.

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"I worked 130 hours a week"

MARISSA MAYER, VICE-PRESIDENT OF LOCATION AND LOCAL SERVICES AT GOOGLE

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▶ Meet Marissa, Google's Queen of IT.

There is such a thing as a glamorous celebrity geek. Officially, Marissa Mayer is vice-president of location and local services at Google. Unofficially, the 35-year-old is the Queen of IT. Since being hired as Google's first female engineer in 1999, Mayer has been involved with every Google product. Mayer considers herself a geek. But unlike her geeky colleagues, she also loves fashion and high heels.

Why are there so few women in technology?
A lot of it has to do with preconceived notions of what people in technology do. I was always drawn to science and math and wanted to become a doctor. But then I took a course in computer science and was fascinated by how it makes you reason. It wasn't until I graduated from university that I realized that such a passion for computer science was unusual among women. What I love about computer science, too, is how immediately it impacts people.

What was it like joining a small startup called Google?
A lot of people underestimate how hard we had to work to get it off the ground. I often worked 130-hour weeks. Many days we didn't have time to shower, and often I slept underneath my desk. But we also worked with a sense of purpose and had a lot of fun, like playing roller hockey in the parking lot.

"I'd show up for work here every day even if they didn't pay me."
MARISSA MAYER

Which Google product would you call distinctly yours?
I worked very hard on the homepage, and also developed Google News, our social network Orkut, and helped Google Maps. But Google Search is something I really helped shape. One thing I'm very proud of are our Google doodles, the fun little things that show up around the search box on particular days.

What does a good day look like for you?
A really good day is when we launch a new product.

Do you find it hard to disconnect from work?
For me, work is fun. Remember the film High Fidelity with John Cusack? He hires a bunch of guys to work for him one day a week, and they keep showing up and he can't fire them. Well, I'm one of those guys. I'd show up for work here every day even if they didn't pay me.

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Sens spoil Devils' playoff chances

Youngsters continue to contribute for Ottawa down stretch

SENATORS	DEVILS
2	1

Erik Condra scored his second goal of the game with 2:17 to play last night as the Ottawa Senators stunned the red-hot New Jersey Devils 2-1.

Craig Anderson made 31 saves as Ottawa handed the Devils only their third regulation loss in the last 25 games (20-3-2) and temporarily slowed New Jersey's frantic charge for a playoff berth.

Patrik Elias scored for New Jersey, which had a six-game home winning streak snapped and lost a chance to reach the .500 mark for the first time since early in the season.

Ottawa killed off two two-man power plays in the second period, including one in which Elias had a goal disallowed for an obvious high stick.

Condra's fourth career goal was set up by Jason Spezza, who got the puck into the Devils zone following a turnover and then staked near the blueline waiting for a teammate to do something.

Condra came flying down the middle of the ice and Spezza sent a pass toward the goal that the rookie deflected past Martin Brodeur.

Anderson stopped a couple of chances in the closing minutes, but none was a serious threat as the team with the NHL's worst record coming into the game stopped the league's hottest team.

Elias tied it at 4:01 of the third period, slam-dunking a cross-ice pass from Brian Rolston past a defenceless Anderson.

Playing in only his 10th NHL game, Condra gave the Senators the lead early in the second period with a great individual effort.

Ryan Shannon started the play by beating defenceman Henrik Tallinder to the puck behind the Devils goal-line and passing it back to Condra in the left circle. Brodeur stopped his original shot from the dot, but the rookie batted the rebound out of the air while falling to the ice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Craig Anderson, right, and Filip Kuba of the Senators defend the net against the Devils in New Jersey last night.

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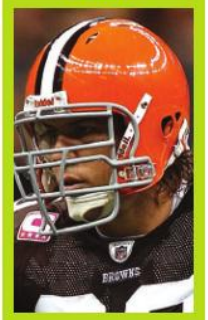

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Opinion

KEN CAMPBELL
THE HOCKEY NEWS

SHIPPED-OUT KELLY FEELS FOR EX-MATES

When Chris Kelly looks at the NHL standings these days, he begins right at the top, where his Boston Bruins reside.

But it's not long before his eyes start going south, way down to the bottom where his former team occupies space these days. In true Ottawa Senators fashion, Kelly was just getting off the exercise bike when he was told of his Feb. 15 trade to the Boston Bruins.

The Senators have since tumbled to last overall in the league going into last night's game against the New Jersey Devils.

And Kelly, who was in Montreal last night with the Bruins, feels for his former mates, the ones that are left after the dismantling that took place at the deadline.

"I do, because I grew up with a lot of those guys and they're good friends," Kelly said. "You never want to see friends not do well, but they've got to take the positives from each game. I think they've been playing better lately and stringing some good games together."

Kelly doesn't take it personally that going into last night's game, the Senators were a .500 team (4-4-1) since trading him to the Bruins for a second-round draft pick. Like most, Kelly sees this season as an aberration. The Senators were not on anyone's short list for a Stanley Cup this season, but there weren't many people who would have thought they'd go into mid-March with the best chance to pick first overall in the draft, either.

"Going into the start of the season, we had pretty much the same team we had the previous year and we added (Sergei) Gonchar, which was a great signing, a puck-moving guy," Kelly said. "But for whatever reason, this season was one disaster after another. Bad first periods, bad third periods and not being consistent on a nightly basis."

But Kelly also acknowledges that the Senators have to take personal responsibility for what went wrong. In reality, they were nowhere good enough to take nights off, which Kelly said occasionally happened.

"The league is too good to not show up each and every night and have your best," Kelly said. "For a while there, we just got on a downward spiral."

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	66	41	19	3	3	212	175	88	21-10-1-2	20-9-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
d-Boston	65	38	19	3	5	199	152	84	16-12-2-2	22-7-1-3	7-2-1-0	L1
d-Washington	67	37	20	5	5	178	167	84	19-8-2-5	18-12-3-0	8-2-0-0	W5
Pittsburgh	68	39	21	5	3	196	167	86	21-11-2-0	18-10-3-3	4-2-3-1	W2
Tampa Bay	66	37	21	3	5	196	200	82	21-8-1-4	16-13-2-1	3-4-0-3	L4
Montreal	66	36	23	4	3	176	167	79	20-8-3-3	16-15-1-0	6-3-0-1	W4
NY Rangers	68	35	29	2	2	193	164	74	15-17-1-2	20-12-1-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	66	32	26	7	1	190	190	72	14-15-2-1	18-11-5-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Carolina	66	31	26	4	5	191	201	71	18-10-1-2	13-16-3-3	5-4-0-1	L1
Toronto	67	29	28	5	5	176	206	68	15-12-3-4	14-16-2-1	5-1-2-2	L2
Atlanta	66	27	28	4	7	184	214	65	14-14-1-5	13-14-3-2	3-6-0-1	W1
New Jersey	66	30	32	3	1	140	170	64	15-14-2-1	15-18-0-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Florida	67	27	31	5	4	168	186	63	13-13-5-3	14-18-0-1	3-5-2-0	W1
NY Islanders	68	26	32	5	5	188	215	62	15-15-1-4	11-17-4-1	5-2-2-1	W1
Ottawa	66	23	34	5	4	149	207	55	11-18-2-3	12-16-3-1	5-4-0-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	67	42	16	4	5	216	155	93	23-7-1-4	19-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Detroit	66	39	19	5	3	219	193	86	17-10-3-2	22-9-2-1	5-3-1-1	L3
d-San Jose	66	38	22	4	2	185	167	82	17-11-2-1	21-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Chicago	67	37	24	2	4	220	186	80	21-14-0-0	16-10-3-3	8-2-0-0	L1
Dallas	66	36	23	3	4	184	186	79	18-9-2-3	18-14-1-1	4-5-1-0	W2
Calgary	68	35	24	3	6	207	193	79	21-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Phoenix	67	34	23	6	4	191	194	78	16-11-3-2	18-12-3-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	66	36	25	3	2	183	163	77	20-11-2-0	16-14-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
Anaheim	66	35	26	3	2	182	193	75	20-11-1-1	15-15-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Minnesota	66	34	25	2	5	171	174	75	16-13-1-3	18-12-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Nashville	66	33	24	5	4	167	156	75	15-7-4-3	18-17-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Columbus	65	31	26	3	5	180	196	70	16-13-0-2	15-13-3-3	4-3-0-3	L5
St. Louis	66	29	27	5	5	182	198	67	19-11-1-3	10-17-3-2	3-7-0-0	W1
Colorado	65	26	31	7	1	185	224	60	14-16-4-0	12-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L5
Edmonton	67	23	36	1	7	170	219	54	12-19-1-3	11-17-1-3	6-4-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 4 Edmonton 1
Florida 3 Chicago 2
Pittsburgh 3 Buffalo 1
Boston at Montreal
Colorado at Minnesota
Vancouver at Phoenix
Nashville at San Jose
St. Louis 5 Columbus 4 (SO)
Dallas 4 Los Angeles 3 (OT)

Monday's results
Washington 2 Tampa Bay 1 (SO)

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m. (changed from 10 p.m.)

SENATORS 2, DEVILS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Tallinder NJ (hooking) 1:09.
Second Period
1. Ottawa, Condra 3 (Shannon, Greening) 4:45
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (high-sticking) 7:37, Z.Smith Ott (hooking) 9:22, Kuba Ott (holding) 10:10, Fayne NJ (holding) 18:42.
Third Period
2. New Jersey, Elias 15 (Rolston, Zubrus) 4:01
3. Ottawa, Condra 4 (Spezza, Phillips) 17:47
Penalties — Spezza Ott (hooking), Rolston NJ (diving) 9:18.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	8	5	8	—21
New Jersey	7	14	11	—32

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,18-18-3); New Jersey: Ma.Brodeur (L,17-20-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-2; New Jersey: 0-3.
Attendance — 15,978 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

FLYERS 4, OILERS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Briere 29 (Carle, Leino) 8:54
2. Philadelphia, Carter 29 (Briere, C.Giroux) 17:40 (pp)
Penalties — Pronger Pha (hooking) 1:00, Omark Edm (interference) 2:37, Smid Edm (boarding major) 12:57, O'Donnell Pha (high-sticking) 18:25.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Carter 30 (Timonen, van Riemsdyk) 7:05
4. Edmonton, Jacques 4 (Smid) 8:00
Penalties — MacIntyre Edm (elbowing) 12:37, Timonen Pha (interference) 16:46.
Third Period
5. Philadelphia, Betts 5 (C.Giroux) 19:18 (en)
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	1	11	13	—25
Philadelphia	17	5	5	—27

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,10-10-6); Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (W,25-11-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-3; Philadelphia: 1-4.
Attendance — 19,730 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

ISLANDERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3 (OT)

At Uniondale, N.Y.
First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Brown Tor, Haley NYI (roughing) 2:54, Grabovski Tor (high-sticking) 8:35, Grabner NYI (hooking) 10:38, New York bench (too many men; served by Tavares) 12:37.
Second Period
1. N.Y. Islanders, Konopka 2 (Jurcina, DiBenedetto) 2:15
2. Toronto, Aulie 1 (Brent, Brown) 2:49
3. N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 9 (Okposo, MacDonald) 11:17
4. Toronto, Brent 8 (Armstrong) 18:44
Missed penalty shot — M.Martin NYI, 7:45.
Penalty — Haley NYI (roughing) 14:00.
Third Period
5. N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 27 (Comeau, Bailey) 8:40
6. Toronto, Kulemin 25 (Grabovski, Kessel) 9:48
Penalties — None.
Overtime
7. N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 19 (Martinek, Nielsen) 4:02
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	9	9	8	1	—27
N.Y. Islanders	11	14	12	3	—40

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,12-5-4); N.Y. Islanders: Montoya (W,6-2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-3; N.Y. Islanders: 0-1.
Attendance — 9,217 (16,234).

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
D.Sedin, Vcr	34	47	81
Stamkos, TB	41	38	79
St. Louis, TB	24	52	76
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	61	76
Ovechkin, Wash	25	44	69
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	7	4	.636
Detroit	8	5	.615
Minnesota	6	4	.600
Seattle	5	4	.556
Boston	6	5	.545
L.A. Angels	6	5	.545
Texas	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
N.Y. Yankees	5	5	.500
Oakland	5	6	.455
Cleveland	4	6	.400
Toronto	4	6	.400
Chicago W.Sox	3	6	.333
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	9	4	.692
Washington	6	3	.667
Atlanta	7	4	.636
Cincinnati	7	4	.636
St. Louis	6	4	.600
Florida	5	4	.556
Colorado	6	5	.545
Milwaukee	6	5	.545
Philadelphia	6	6	.500
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500
San Diego	4	5	.444
L.A. Dodgers	5	7	.417
Chicago Cubs	4	7	.364
N.Y. Mets	4	7	.364
Arizona	5	9	.357
Houston	3	9	.250

Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2 (10 ings)
Arizona 16 Cleveland 4
Boston (ss) 3 Houston (ss) 2
Boston (ss) 8 St. Louis 7
Chicago White Sox 9 Colorado (ss) 8
Cincinnati 5 Kansas City 2
Colorado (ss) 4 Chicago Cubs 0
Florida 9 Detroit 5
Houston (ss) 5 N.Y. Mets (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 2 Texas 1
L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Atlanta 4
Oakland 6 San Diego 2
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 3
Pittsburgh 5 Minnesota 2
Seattle 1 San Francisco 0
Washington 4 N.Y. Mets (ss) 3 (10 ings)

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ROUND OF 16
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Barcelona (Spain) 3 Arsenal (England) 1
(Barcelona advances on 4-3 aggregate)
Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 3, AS Roma (Italy) 0
(Shakhtar advances on 6-2 aggregate)
Today's games
Schalke vs. Valencia, 2:45 p.m.
Tottenham vs. AC Milan, 2:45 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Yesterday's results
Barnsley 2 Scunthorpe 1
Bristol City 2 Portsmouth 1
Crystal Palace 1 Cardiff 0
Doncaster 1 Coventry 1
Hull 0 Burnley 1
Ipswich 1 Reading 3
Leicester 2 Norwich 3
Middlesbrough 2 Derby 1
Millwall 2 Queens Park Rangers 0
Preston 1 Leeds 2
Sheffield Utd 2 Nottingham Forest 1
Swansea 1 Watford 1

SCOTLAND

FIRST DIVISION
Yesterday's results
Cowdenbeath 1 Dundee 3
Dunfermline 1 Ross County 1
Partick Thistle 3 Queen of the South 1

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
New Zealand	4	3	0	1	0	6
Pakistan	4	3	0	1	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	0	1	5
Sri Lanka	4	2	1	1	1	5
Zimbabwe	3	1	0	2	0	2
Canada	**4**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**
Kenya	4	0	0	4	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
India	3	2	1	0	0	5
England	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	3	2	0	1	0	4
West Indies	3	2	0	1	0	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	0	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	0	0

Yesterday's result
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
New Zealand (302 for seven) def. Pakistan (192, all out) by 110 runs.
Monday's result
At New Delhi
Canada (199-five) def. Kenya (198, all out) by five wickets.
Today's match
At New Delhi
India vs. Netherlands
Tomorrow's match
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka vs. Zimbabwe
Friday's matches
At Mohali (Chandigah), India
West Indies vs. Ireland
At Chittagong, Bangladesh
Bangladesh vs. England

PAKISTAN VS. NEW ZEALAND

At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
Scoreboard yesterday from the World Cup Group A match at Pallekele International Cricket Stadium:
New Zealand won the toss
New Zealand, Innings

Martin Guptill b Afridi	57
Brendon McCullum b Akhtar	6
Jamie How lbw b Gul	4
Ross Taylor (not out)	131
James Franklin lbw b Hafeez	1
Scott Styris lbw b Gul	28
Nathan McCullum b Gul	19
Jacob Oram c Gul b Rehman	25
Kyle Mills (not out)	7

Extras (10lb, 3nb, 11w): 24
Total: 302 for seven wickets. **Overs:** 50.
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-55, 3-112, 4-113, 5-175, 6-210, 7-295.
Did not bat: Daniel Vettori, Tim Southee.
Pakistan, Bowling: Shoaib Akhtar 9-0-70-1 (3nb 3w), Abdur Rehman 10-0-60-1 (1w), Umar Gul 10-1-32-3 (2w), Abdul Razzaq 4-0-49-0 (4w), Shahid Afridi 10-0-55-1, Mohammad Hafeez 7-0-26-1 (1w).
Pakistan, Innings

Mohammad Hafeez lbw b Southee	5
Ahmed Shehzad lbw b Mills	10
Kamran Akmal c Taylor b Southee	8
Younis Khan b Mills	0
Misbah-ul-Haq c Styris b Southee	7
Umar Akmal c Oram b Nathan McCullum	38
Shahid Afridi b Oram	17
Abdul Razzaq c Oram b Styris	62
Abdur Rehman lbw b Nathan McCullum	1
Umar Gul (not out)	34
Shoaib Akhtar c Nathan McCullum b Styris	0

Extras (6lb, 4w): 10
Total (all out): 192. **Overs:** 41.4.
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-23, 3-23, 4-23, 5-45, 6-66, 7-102, 8-125, 9-191, 10-192.
New Zealand, Bowling: Kyle Mills 8-1-43-2, Tim Southee 8-1-25-3, Jacob Oram 10-1-47-1, James Franklin 5-0-26-0, Nathan McCullum 6-0-28-2 (4w), Scott Styris 4.4-0-17-2.
Result: New Zealand won by 110 runs.
Umpires: Daryl Harper, Australia and Nigel Llong, England.
Third/TV Umpire: Ian Gould England.
Match Referee: Chris Broad, England.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
dx-Boston	46	15	.754	—
d-Chicago	44	18	.710	2½
d-Miami	43	21	.672	4½
Orlando	40	24	.625	7½
Atlanta	37	27	.578	10½
New York	33	29	.532	13½
Philadelphia	33	30	.524	14
Indiana	27	36	.429	20
Charlotte	26	37	.413	21
Milwaukee	24	38	.387	22½
Detroit	23	41	.359	24½
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27½
Toronto	17	46	.270	30
Washington	16	47	.254	31
Cleveland	12	51	.190	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	46	17	.730	5
d-L.A. Lakers	46	19	.708	6
d-Oklahoma City	39	23	.629	11½
Denver	37	27	.578	14½
Portland	37	27	.578	14½
New Orleans	37	29	.561	15½
Memphis	36	29	.554	16
Phoenix	32	29	.525	18
Utah	33	31	.516	18½
Houston	33	32	.508	19
Golden State	28	35	.444	23
L.A. Clippers	24	40	.375	27½
Sacramento	15	46	.246	35
Minnesota	15	50	.231	37

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth

Last night's results
Golden State 95 Cleveland 85
L.A. Lakers 101 Atlanta 87
Milwaukee 95 Washington 76
Philadelphia 110 Indiana 100
Portland 105 Miami 96
Houston at Phoenix

Monday's results
L.A. Clippers 92 Charlotte 87
Portland 89 Orlando 85
New York 131 Utah 109
Chicago 85 New Orleans 77
Memphis 107 Oklahoma City 101
Dallas 108 Minnesota 105
Houston 123 Sacramento 101

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	58	538	449	1630	28.1
Stoudemire, NYK	61	607	378	1602	26.3
James, MIA	61	562	403	1601	26.2
Wade, MIA	59	538	373	1497	25.4
Anthony, NYK	58	510	394	1466	25.3
Bryant, LAL	64	578	365	1607	25.1
Ellis, GOL	62	582	286	1547	25.0
Rose, CHI	61	546	320	1501	24.6
Howard, ORL	61	500	410	1410	23.1
Nowitzki, DAL	54	449	286	1241	23.0
Martin, HOU	63	417	468	1439	22.8
Griffin, LAC	64	544	355	1450	22.7
Westbrook, OKC	62	470	423	1386	22.4
Bargnani, TOR	56	467	237	1237	22.1

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Hilario, DEN	323	516	.626
Howard, ORL	500	834	.600
A. Johnson, TOR	257	446	.576
Horford, ATL	411	723	.568
Ibaka, OKC	238	428	.556
Young, PHL	338	610	.554
Odom, LAL	369	681	.542
Nowitzki, DAL	449	846	.531

Not including last night's games

CURLING

THE BRIER

At London, Ont.

Province (Skip)	W	L
Manitoba (Stoughton)	6	0
Alberta (Martin)	6	1
Ontario (Howard)	5	1
N.L. (Gushue)	4	2
Saskatchewan (Laycock)	3	3
Nova Scotia (Adams)	3	4
Northern Ont. (Jacobs)	3	4
New Brunswick (Gratton)	2	4
NWT/Yukon (Koe)	2	4
Quebec (Gagne)	2	5
B.C. (Cotter)	1	5
P.E.I. (MacKenzie)	1	5

Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Manitoba 10 Northwest/Yukon Territories 4
Alberta 9 Nova Scotia 7
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 5
Northern Ontario 8 Quebec 5
Draw 10
Nova Scotia 10 Northern Ontario 5
Ontario 6 Newfoundland & Labrador 1
Alberta 7 Quebec 5
Saskatchewan 6 British Columbia 4
Draw 11
New Brunswick vs. British Columbia; Prince Edward Island vs. Saskatchewan; Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Ontario vs. Manitoba.
Monday's results
Sixth Draw
Newfoundland & Labrador 7 Saskatchewan 6
Ontario 7 British Columbia 5
Seventh Draw
Alberta 9 Prince Edward Island 2
Manitoba 8 Northern Ontario 4
New Brunswick 7 Quebec 5
Nova Scotia 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Eighth Draw
Newfoundland & Labrador 9 Alberta 4
Northern Ontario 7 British Columbia 5
Nova Scotia 7 Saskatchewan 6
Ontario 12 Quebec 4
Today's games
All times Eastern
Draw 12, 9:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Saskatchewan; British Columbia vs. Quebec; Northern Ontario vs. Ontario; Nova Scotia vs. Newfoundland & Labrador.
Draw 13, 2:30 p.m.
Ontario vs. Prince Edward Island; New Brunswick vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; British Columbia vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
Draw 14, 7:30 p.m.
Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Quebec; Manitoba vs. Alberta; New Brunswick vs. Nova Scotia; Northern Ontario vs. Prince Edward Island.

WORLD JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Perth, Scotland
MEN
Yesterday's results
Sixth Draw
Canada 8 Denmark 1
China 6 Norway 5 (extra end)
Scotland 8 U.S. 4
Sweden 7 Finland 2
Switzerland 6 Czech Republic 4
WOMEN
Yesterday's results
Fifth Draw
Canada 15 France 4
Scotland 6 Czech Republic 4
Norway 10 Switzerland 4
Russia 10 Japan 1
U.S. 8 Sweden 2
Sixth Draw
Switzerland 10 **Canada** 3
Russia 9 Norway 3
Sweden 7 Scotland 6
Czech Republic 11 France 3
Japan 7 U.S. 6 (extra end)

Engine

For the 2012 model, the Passat's previously standard 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant has been replaced with a non-turbocharged 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder unit. This change no doubt contributes to the smaller base price.

A 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 is optional, as is Volkswagen's hybrid-challenging 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that will give the Passat a claimed rating of 4.8 l/100 km on the highway.

Generous dimensions

VW might be substantially reducing the MSRP, but it certainly won't be shrinking the package.

Compared to the previous Passat, the new model is nine centimetres longer overall and the distance between its front and rear wheels has been stretched by about 9.5 centimetres, which should mean appreciable gains in passenger room. The car's more generous dimensions are in line with models belonging to the rest of the segment and should provide the kind of space that North American sedan buyers have come to expect.

Base model

The Passat's starting-point model is fitted with automatic climate control, cruise control and Bluetooth short-range wireless connectivity.

Also standard is Hill Climb Assist that helps keep manual-gearbox models from rolling backward down a hill when you take your right foot off the brake to depress the accelerator.

▶ The exterior will please buyers who aren't interested in weird new design themes. The Passat is straightforward and purposeful, even if it is a bit plain.

The Passat is suddenly competitive

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If you're familiar with the Sesame Street ditty, "One of these things is not like the others," then try to guess if it's the Toyota Camry, Chevrolet Malibu, Volkswagen Passat, or Honda Accord that's out of place in this automotive quartet.

If you picked the VW, give yourself a gold star.

At about $29,000, the Passat, which disappeared after the 2010 model year, ranked as the most expensive mid-size sedan in this group (plus others in the same category) by as much as $7,000.

For that kind of scratch you could have covered the cost of fuelling up any of the other top-selling competitors for three years or so, on average.

Although seemingly down and out, rumours of the Passat's demise have proven inaccurate.

Volkswagen announced at the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., that its mid-size four-door will return as a built-in-America (Chattanooga, Tenn., to be precise) model for 2012 and will paste a base sticker price of about $24,000 (including destination charges) on the window.

Commenting on the new Passat, Volkswagen Group of America CEO Jonathan Browning said his company, "aims to become a leading player in the (North American) market."

The Passat might not appear to be a clearcut class leader, but at least it's now in the thick of the hunt.

▶ With so many automakers plastering their interiors with trendy swoops and swirls, the understated Passat layout is a classy treat. The leather and walnut trim are optional, however.

▶ An additional 9.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels allows for more stretch-out room for the passengers.

Passat

What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Passat:

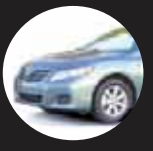
- **Type:** Four-door, mid-sized front-wheel-drive sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 turbo-diesel (140).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (std., 2.5), six-speed automatic; six-speed automated manual (std., 3.6-litre V6 and 2.0-litre turbo-diesel).
- **Market Position:** VW repositions the Passat into the sedan mainstream to perk up the car's popularity. As with the smaller Jetta, this move means that the perceived quality of German engineering costs as little as anything else out there.

5 drive

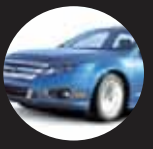
By comparison

Chevrolet Malibu
Base price: $25,450
Good-looking, roomy and fuel-efficient sedan is a popular choice.

Toyota Camry
Base price: $26,900
Top-selling sedan provides a smooth and quiet ride; hybrid optional.



Ford Fusion
Base price: $21,600
Decent size and performance in an attractive wrapper; hybrid available.



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HOW ABOUT BUYING A CAR ONLINE?

Auto Pilot

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From what I hear, you can buy almost anything over the Internet ... Kayaks ... Knockwurst ... Miniature kayaks formed from knockwurst.

Cars and trucks are obviously part of the Internet shopping experience, especially the research phase. But certain nuances and circumstances of the vehicle purchase process hold it back from being a typical "buy now" Internet transaction.

For one thing, vehicles are big — there isn't a standard Fed Ex package for a Cadillac Escalade. You may also want to trade in your current vehicle ... How do you do that over the Wi-Fi? Same with test-drives.

A typical vehicle purchase seems to generate so much back and forth, so much paperwork, so many choices, that the only way to get that all done, seems to be with a lot of face-to-face time with an automotive professional or two.

Well there is at least one person in Canada who would beg to differ. Barry Shafran is president and CEO of Chesswood Group Limited, a publicly traded company that operates cars4U.com. According to Shafran, cars4U.com is "Canada's only eDealer." Shafran notes that unlike other dealerships or entities professing to provide online vehicle shopping, only cars4U.com gives customers the actual "buy now" button, and with a price that is "actually the selling price, not the list price."

The company has been doing its e-thing for 10 years now, with "steady growth" according to Shafran.

Why haven't others joined the bandwagon? "Good question," says Shafran. He is certain the business requires auto experience, not just Internet experience. It's easier to answer the question, why can't you buy online direct from the automakers? That's because in the U.S. and Canada, dealers have ironclad franchise agreements with their automakers. Dealers are the only ones that can sell you a car. (Note, however, that automakers can also own dealerships and do).

But in Europe things are more loosey goosey, and that's why we're seeing some "direct to customers via the Internet" initiatives developing there. Last summer Ford of Britain bundled a bunch of its company-owned dealerships together and created FordRetailOnline.co.uk, complete with "12 regional delivery centres."

And just last week at the Geneva Motor Show, Renault said that its cheaper and Romanian-built Dacia line will be sold through an additional "Internet channel." This is to compete with Peugeot-Citroen, which already said its new line of China-sourced low-cost vehicles would be sold exclusively online.

Makes sense that the "bottom" of the market will be where Internet-direct makes inroads. You got a centralized, urbanized clientele, a cost-sensitive vehicle (an Internet channel is less costly to operate), and these vehicles tend to be viewed more like commodities. And if they are not in the showroom, they're not dragging down the profile of the automaker's higher-priced brands.

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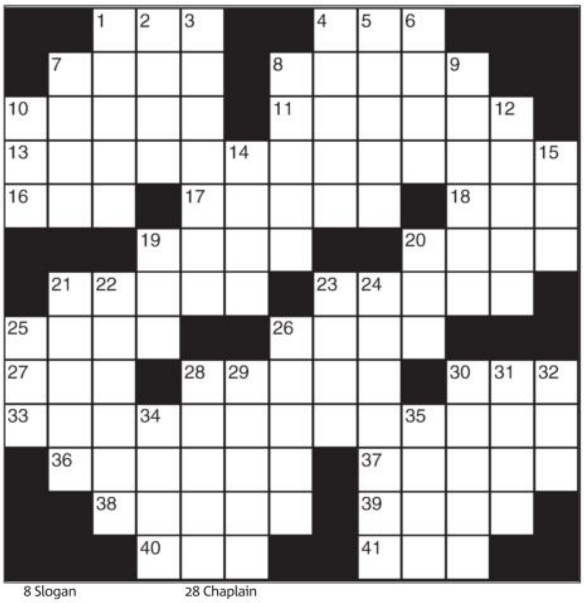

Across

1 Step that may be "faux"
4 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
7 Harbor
8 Factories
10 Some Japanese-Americans
11 Eyes on a peacock's tail
13 No different
16 Firmament
17 Arose
18 Bronze
19 "Ask — questions ..."
20 Pleads
21 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
23 Obey a comma
25 St. Louis attraction
26 Spheres
27 Bleating sound
28 Pullover shirts
30 Pod occupant
33 Definitively
36 Youngster
37 Grown-up nit
38 "Hammerin' Hank" of baseball
39 Muskrat cousin
40 Chaps
41 Greek vowel

Down

1 Actress Parker
2 Neighborhood
3 Scorpion's weapon
4 Scarf enhancing a low neckline
5 Censor's sound
6 Afflictions
7 Light red
8 Slogan
9 Schedules
10 Ph. bk. info
12 Public persona
14 Lady of Lisbon
15 Type measures
19 Speedometer stat
20 Clear the tables
21 Starter on a really old car
22 Gum arabic
23 Instructor, for short
24 Set free, as from a sin
25 Latin 101 word
26 Bygone
28 Chaplain
29 Satirical newspaper, with "The"
30 Abdul or Zahn
31 Otherwise
32 Brewery output
34 Cheese choice
35 Source

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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	6			7			4	8
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		1		8		5		
	3	5	9					2
7	1			9			2	
						3		1
					4	9		

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2	9	7	1	8	3	6	5	4
4	5	1	6	2	7	3	8	9
3	8	6	4	5	9	2	1	7
8	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	1
7	4	9	5	6	1	8	3	2
1	6	2	3	9	8	7	4	5
9	1	3	7	4	6	5	2	8
6	2	8	9	1	5	4	7	3
5	7	4	8	3	2	1	9	6

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Don't strain your brain thinking about something that appears illogical. A number of strange things will happen today, but none of them will do you any harm.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This is not a good time to announce your plans to the world. You don't have to be dishonest about your intentions but you do have to keep your ideas to yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 These are exciting times for you but don't get carried away. If you act without thinking, you could make a potentially costly mistake. Take extra care when arranging travel plans and social events.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you're dishonest in any way today, it will come back when you least expect it. You don't need to tell lies or cut corners to get what you want.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There seems to be a mental block between you and others at the moment. There's not much you can do but wait for the cosmic tide to turn. It won't be long before you are back on a like-minded wavelength.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your main problem is that you are doing more for other people than you are for yourself. Get a grip on the situation and let those who are taking advantage of your generosity know there will be no more freebies.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The planets warn that you could easily convince yourself that something is true when clearly it is not. That could turn out to be a costly mistake.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of people. Both at home and at work, misunderstandings are likely so make sure everyone knows what it is they are supposed to be doing.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 By all means listen to what other people have to tell you today, but don't think for a moment that it's the whole truth. Act on the assumption that you have not yet heard the whole story.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Be careful when dealing with people you don't know on a personal level. Anything they say that sounds too good to be true is best ignored, no matter how marvelous it sounds.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Keep your thoughts to yourself today. With communications planet Mercury strong in your chart that won't be easy, but other aspects warn if you speak too freely it could rebound on you later.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Some things happen for no reason. Don't get hung up on trying to explain why a specific event came about. You don't have to account for everything in life. SALLY BROMPTON

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